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TAGS: PDEV, WA, SF

SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: SAG CABINET MEETING MOVED TO MONDAY

1. ACCORDING TO SABC AND THE PRESS, THE SAG CABINET MEETING ON NAMIBIA IN THE WAKE OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL ACTION OF JULY 27 HAS BEEN MOVED UP FROM THESDAY AUGUST 1 TO MONDAY JULY 31 AT 1100. THIS CHANGE PRESUMABLY CAME OUT OF THE REPORTED MEETING BOTHA HAD WITH VORSTER IN PRETORIA IMMEDIATELY UPON BOTHA'S RETURN FROM NEW YORK LAST NIGHT.

2. UPON ARRIVAL SATURDAY EVENING, BOTHA SPOKE WITH THE PRESS. A PORTION OF THE EXCHANGE, WHICH SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN BRIEF, WAS CARRIED ON TV. BOTHA SPOKE OF THE WALVIS BAY RESOLUTION:

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"IT IS NOT ONLY, THOUGH IT IS IMPORTANT ENOUGH, THE QUESTION OF THE SOVEREIGNTY OF WALVIS BAY, WHICH IS INDISPUTABLY SLOTH AFRICA'S. IT IS A QUESTION OF TRUST, OF FAITH. SOME PEOPLE TELL ME, 'BUT LOOK, YOU HAVE INDICATED THAT YOU WOULD BE WILLING TO DISCUSS THIS ISSUE IN ANY CASE WITH AN INDEPENDENT GOVERNMENT STILL TO BE ELECTED.' IT IS TRUE. WE WILL DO IT, OF COURSE, ON THE BASIS OF OUR SOVEREIGN RIGHT

IN A SPIRIT OF WILLING TO COOPERATE WITH THE NEIGHBOR NEXT DOOR. THE IMPORTANT POINT IS, IF, IN AN INSTANCE OF SUCH A CLEAR-CUT, SUCH AN ABSOLUTELY EXPLICIT AGREEMENT, WE CAN BE LET DOWN SO SUDDENLY IN SUCH A WAY, WHAT DO YOU THINK WOULD HAPPEN IN RESPECT OF ASPECTS OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROPOSAL WHICH MIGHT NOT BE SO EXPLICITLY WORDED? IT IS A QUESTION OF CONFIDENCE THAT HAS BEEN SHAKEN. THAT IS IMPORTANT."

3. SUNDAY PRESS POLITICAL CORRESPONDENTS, CITING "GOVERNMENT SOURCES" AND BOTHA'S AIDES, REPORT THE SAG POSITION IS "HANGING IN THE BALANCE" WITH A SLIGHT EDGE IN THE CABINET IN FAVOR OF PROCEEDING WITH THE SETTLEMENT IN ACCORD WITH THE WESTERN PROPOSAL.

4. DECONTROL UPON RECEIPT.  
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